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FOR AMBASSADOR DEAN BROWN

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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 7858

1. I HAVE A GROWING CONCERN THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS THE CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND MAY WELL BEGIN TO BELIEVE THAT SINCE THEY FLED EARLIER THEY ARE BEING IGNORED SOONER. WE HAVE ASKED THAT THE THOUSAND NOW ASSEMBLED IN CAMP AND READY TO GO BE MOVED ON, AND HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THERE ARE NO PLANES AVAILABLE. THEY HAVE WATCHED VIETNAMESE, WHO CAME LATER TO THE SAME SITE, DEPART IN A MASS AIRLIFT --- FOUR THOUSAND IN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS. WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT MORE OF THOSE CAMBODIANS WHO MEET THE TERMS SET BY CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTIVE DEFINITION BE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, AND HAVE HAD NO ANSWERS.

2. I HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED BY SUDDEN REFUGEE MOVEMENTS OF LARGE SCALE. I DO, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT IT IS WITHIN OUR CAPACITY TO COPE MORE FULLY AND READILY WITH THE LESSER PROBLEM POSED BY THE CAMBODIANS. I HOPE THAT BECAUSE THEY ARE SMALLER IN NUMBER THEY ARE NOT OF LESS MOMENT. I HOPE I MAY HAVE YOUR FULL SUPPORT IN MOVING QUICKLY THOSE READY TO GO AND ALSO IN GETTING US PROMPT AUTHORITY TO PROCESS

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FOR MOVEMENT TO THE U.S. THE ADDITIONAL RELATIVELY SMALL GROUP

OF SPECIAL KHMER REFUGEES WE HAVE IDENTIFIED IN OUR RECENT
TELEGRAMS.
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